(2) Kalinga Power Corporation Limited, (a company registered in India, which will shortly have majority equity share holding by foreign investors) for captive coal mine for a power plant at Duburi, Cuttack, Distt., Orissa.

Quantity produced in the Kalakot Mines

764. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity of coal lying in the Kalakot Mines of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what quantity of coal is being extracted from these mines at present and what expenditure is being incurred thereon;

(c) what is the category-wise labour force employed in the mines; and

(d) what profit has been made by these mines during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to information available with Geological Survey of India, the estimated proved reserves in the Kalakot Coal Mines of Jammu and Kashmir are 0.35 million tonnes.

(b) Accordng to the State Government, about 20,000 tonnes of coal is being produced annually from Kalakot Coal mines at an average annual expenditure of Rs. 320 lakhs.

(c) The category-wise labour force employed in these mines are:—

Monthly paid	—	220
Daily rated	—	420
Piece rated	—	507

(d) Coal mining operations in Kalakot are not commercially viable since very inception of coal mining in the area due to impersistent and un-predicted behaviour of coal seam. No profit could be earned during the last 3 years.

Allocation of coal to U P

765. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is much shortage of coal in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of coal allocated to Uttar Pradesh and what is the percentage of the same given for tribal regions of the State; and

(c) whether Government propose to allocate more coal to Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Coal supplies to all the consuming sectors in Uttar Pradesh have, in fact, registered an increase from 27.737 million tonnes in 1990-91 and 30.505 million tonnes in 1991-92. The existing information system does not yield separate data about the percentage of coal supplied to consumers located in tribal regions of the State. Coal India Ltd. had earlier this year offered additional quantity of 6.04 million tonnes of coal on unrestricted basis from pithead stocks to all the coal consumers. Many consumers of U.P. State also applied for this coal and obtained allocations in their favour. Consumers in U.P. can also avail of the facility of lifting 1000 tonnes of coal at a time without sponsorship under the "Liberalised Sale Scheme" from the mines specified under this scheme. It is expected that availability of coal to all States incuding Uttar Pradesh will increase incoming years.

Separate coal corporation for North East region

766. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for a separate coal corpora-

tion for North Eastern parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal corporation for North Eastern parts of the country will provide any facilities to the industries/power projects in that area; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Action plan for more coal linkage to Southern and Western Regions

767. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement an action plan for large scale movement of coal to power stations in Southern and Western regions during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the supply and demand of coal to power stations has been seriously affected during the last three years; and

(d) by when the proposed action plan would be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d) Supply of coal to thermal power stations in western and southern regions has been posing some problems due to low coal production in Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. Movement plans for supply of coal to all thermal power stations including Southern and Western regions thermal power stations are worked out jointly by Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways and Deptt. of Power. The plan finalised recently for ten thermal power stations in western and southern regions envisages supply of 32.8 m.t. of coal for generating 43.4 billion units during the year 1992-93. This plan is under implementation. It is being updated every year. Supply of coal to power sector during the last year has been more or less according to the coal demand based on generation targets.

Rampant corruption in SECL

768. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SECL (South Eastern Coal-fields Ltd.) frequently changes the system of selling coal meant for free sale at West Korba in the State of Madhya Pradesh causing unavoidable hardships to the purchasers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the system of middlemenship was totally abolished in the area but despite the ban middlemen are working freely in the areas and are being protected by the SECL authorities; and

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take to remove the rampant corruption in SECL?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) SouthEastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) have reported that there have been no frequent changes in the system of selling coal meant for free sale from Korba West area of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. The existing system has been developed taking into consideration the convenience of consumers. Since the introduction of free sale coal in Dipika projects of Korba West area, maximum of 1000 tonnes was being allowed per application, which was to be supplied within 15 days. However, due to heavy rush and long ques for this coal small consumers were being put to hardship. Hence, it was decided by SECL